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The Senate met at 11:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we respond to Your invitation to enjoy these moments of conversation with You. We praise You for who You are: our creator, sustainer, loving heavenly Father. It is awesome to us that You have chosen, called, and commissioned us to be Your blessed people. Forgive us when we resist the greatness You desire for us and forget to ask for Your guidance. We thank You for the times we did trust You and did receive Your blessings of wisdom, strength, and determination. You have called us to be intercessors by placing in Your capable hands the problems of people around us. Now hear our longing to know and do Your will in the crucial matters before us. There is so much on which we do agree; show us how to come to creative compromise in issues on which we do not agree. Give us clear heads and trusting hearts. May we earn a new confidence from the American people by the way we press on expeditiously and with excellence. Now we commit ourselves anew to You. We re-order our priorities. Deliberately we put behind us self-serving manipulation and put before us our patriotic motivation. With confidence we thank You in advance for Your guidance today. In Your all-powerful name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning busi-

ness until the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each except for the following: Senator DOMENICI for up to 20 minutes and Senator MURKOWSKI for up to 15 minutes.

Following morning business, it is hoped that it would be possible to proceed to the legislation which will extend the authority for the special committee to investigate Whitewater. Rollcall votes, therefore, are possible during today's session, and the Senate may be asked to consider any other legislative items that can be cleared for action.

Senators also should be reminded that a second cloture motion was filed yesterday on the D.C. appropriations conference report. Therefore, that cloture vote will occur during Thursday's session of the Senate, after the leaders have consulted and agreed upon a time.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: The Senator from New Mexico

[Mr. DOMENICI] for 20 minutes; the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] for 15 minutes.

The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. DOMENICI and Mr. DORGAN pertaining to the submission of Senate Resolution 226 are located in today's RECORD under "Submission of Concurrent and Senate Resolutions.")

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ASHCROFT). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY SHOULD PROVIDE QUALITY PROGRAMMING

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, it has been nearly 9 months since I made a speech in Hollywood suggesting that our entertainment industry has a responsibility to look beyond the bottom line and to not pollute our culture and our children.

That speech ignited a national discussion—a discussion which has continued to this day.

This discussion will take what I hope will be an important step tomorrow, when a delegation of entertainment industry leaders will meet with the congressional Republican leadership here at the Capitol, and then with President Clinton at the White House.

It is reported that the industry leaders will use these meetings to inform us of their decision to voluntarily create a rating system for television programs.

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